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1. US attitude on Anglo-Egyptian relations--The Department of State has instructed US Ambassador Caffery in Cairo to inform Egyptian Government officials, at his discretion and after discussions with his British colleague, that the US earnestly hopes the UK and Egypt will be able to reach a satisfactory and reasonable settlement of their differences regarding the British military position in Egypt. The Department adds that the US strongly supports the UK in this matter on the grounds that: (a) a satisfactory settlement on present British terms would be in Egypt's own interest; and (b) it is extremely important to Near East security and world peace for the UK to have certain strategic facilities in Egypt, particularly in the Suez Canal Zone area.

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